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Sir:

As a means of complying with the duty of disclosure set forth in 37 CFR 1.56 and in keeping with the guidelines of 37 CFR 1.98, Applicant hereby submits information thought to be relevant to the above-identified application. Also submitted herewith is a completed form PTO-1449. The cited documents are:

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GB 214 24 37	January 16, 1983
EP 089 08 28	January 13, 1999
EP 055 29 16	July 28, 1993
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WO 97 265 09	July 24, 1997
WO 96 037 21	February 8, 1996

F. Mayer, et al., (1996) "Scaling of Thermal CMOS Gas Flow Microsensors: Experiment and Simulation", Proc. IEEE Micro Electro Mechanical Systems, (IEEE, 1996): 116-121;

M. Ashauer, et al. (1998) "Thermal Flow Sensor for Liquids and Gases", Proc. IEEE Micro Electro Mechanical Systems, (IEEE, 1998):351-355.

These documents are listed on the attached from PTO-1449, and a copy of each is enclosed.

It is requested that the Examiner enter the cited documents in the file of the application and consider them under Rule 56.

We are advised that WO 01/98736 contains a subset of the information in DE 101 29 300 and is therefore redundant. In view of the partial translation, submitted herewith, of the former, we are submitting no translation of the latter.

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favorable action is respectfully solicited.

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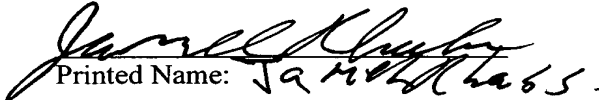
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